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C:\Program Files\Microsoft Office\MEDIA\CAGCAT10\j0298897.wmfDear Families,

Hello! Can you believe our first month of school

is almost over? Wow!! We have been busy learning

about patterns in Math, our sounds in ELA, how to get along in Social Studies and a lot of routines. Mr. Joseph has just started teaching half time and will work up to full time in the next few weeks. He has just started a unit on Senses with the students and we are looking forward to our color days starting next week!

Right now one of the most important skills we are working on is learning the sounds for the consonants and vowels and blending them to spell words. I am sending home the little stories we have learned to go with each letter so that you can work with your child at home on their sounds. Show your child the letter and ask them to show you the action that goes along with it as they say the sound the letter makes. The story may help them remember the sound if they are having trouble. I am also sending home a word building sheet. You can use this activity for building any words. Right now we are only working on three letter words such as ‘cat’.

In Math the students are learning about numbers to 20. This is not only counting to 20 but recognizing the number words and digits. They should be able to print the digits to 20. There are many ways to practice this at home. If you have a computer you can go to our Grade One Wikispace and the math page will have links to some math games you can play. <http://wjbgrade1.wikispaces.com/>

One last thing. I would like to make up a list of first names and phone numbers of the students in our class so that the grade one’s will have one another’s contact information. Please, please, please contact one another for play dates. Students need to go home(or to their designated place) everyday after school. They can not go to a friend’s house to play unless arrangements have been made. If someone shows up at your home, please contact the family. If you do not have that information you can call the school and we can try to help you.

Please fill out the form below and send it back to school to let me know if you are okay with sharing your child’s first name and home phone number. Thank you.

Have a wonderful fall!

Mrs. Lysitza

Mr. Joseph

\_\_\_Yes, please share our name and number

\_\_\_No, please keep our information private

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